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 - III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
 - IV Lack of unity of invention
 - V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability, citations and explanations supporting such statement
 - VI Certain documents cited
 - VII Certain defects in the international application
 - VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

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**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-24</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-24</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-24</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-24 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Maggioncalda et al, U.S. patent 5,918,217. Maggioncalda et al disclose a method, system, and computer program (e.g., column 5, line 18 et seq) for providing automated coaching for financial modeling and counseling, including user input of personal financial data over a WAN to a database (e.g., Figures 1-14b; column 2, line 8, line 1 et seq; column 18, line 47 et seq), input of external financial market data over a WAN to a database (e.g., Figure 1; column 2, line 54 et seq; column 5, line 47 et seq), processing the personal and financial data (e.g., column 6, line 7 et seq), user interface for output of coaching advice, product configuration, or effect assessment (e.g., Figures 11-14b; column 3, line 43 et seq; column 8, line 6 et seq; column 15, line 50 et seq; column 16, line 26 et seq). Maggioncalda et al also disclose an investment portfolio (e.g., column 7, line 49 et seq), investment target value and date (e.g., Figures 4, 7a, 8-10; column 8, line 42 et seq; column 18, line 47 et seq), financial market data (e.g., Figures 4, 5a; column 5, line 47 et seq; column 7, line 20 et seq; column 10, line 20 et seq), natural language automated coaching, as broadly recited and disclosed, for portfolio generation based on financial asset mix (e.g., Figures 4, 7a-c, 9, 10; column 8, line 6 et seq; column 14, line 26 et seq; column 15, line 50 et seq; column 17, line 1 et seq), user risk tolerance, investment style and attitudes (e.g., Figure 5b, 6; column 10, line 30 et seq; column 11, line 19 et seq).

Claims 1-24 have industrial applicability as defined by PCT Article 33(4) because the method, system, and computer program claimed therein can be made or used in the financial services industry to create user defined portfolios.

— NEW CITATIONS —

US 5,918,217 A (MAGGIONCALDA et al) 29 JUNE 1999, entire document.